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**COMPLETE REPORT
ON BENTON CASE
STILL IS AWAITED**

This Government Is Not Ready to Express View

BRYAN CONFERS
WITH PRESIDENT

British Foreign Office Pleased
With Promptness of Efforts to
Ferret Out Truth About Ex-
ecution—State Department
Active in Seeking to

Washington, February 22.—President Wilson and Secretary Bryan to-day

high-tempered and had had previous difficulties with Constitutionalists is known, but on the single fact of whether he had a revolver when he accosted Villa depends to a great extent on judgment of the whole affair. Denton's friends deny he carried weapons.

Impartial in Remarks.
Government officials here are impar-

that in their remarks about the incident insisting that any judgment formed before all the facts are collected necessarily rests on bias or prejudice. Upon the truth or falsity of Villa's statement that Benton tried to kill him, will depend the views both Great Britain and the United States will take of the affair. In official circles the prevalent belief is that in the absence of satisfactory evidence to the contrary, it will be difficult for this government, at least, to reject Villa's ver-

sion. To do so without satisfactory proof to the contrary, it is pointed out by some officials, would be unnecessarily to provoke unfriendly relations with the Constitutionalist chief, who is in control of a vast territory adjacent to the United States, wherein are many foreigners about whose protection the United States is solicitous.

In the meantime, the Constitutionalists' agency here is active in issuing to the press telegrams from General Villalpando stating his defense for the killings. They are along the same lines as previous messages, and Villa asserts in one of them that he still has Benton's pistol. Other telegrams to the agency say Benton's record in Chihuahua was that of a "quarrelsome man," and the charge is made that he was guilty of having "intimidated" some of the

German Bluejackets Land.
No surprise was manifested officially here at the landing of a squad of German bluejackets for the protection of the German legation at Mexico City. This is in line with the recent action

This is in line with the recent action of the British government, and is said to be in pursuance of an understanding with the American government on this point.

The State Department is active seeking to protect Gustave Bauch, a German-American who, it was reported,

last night, had been executed in Juarez along with Benton. Secretary Bryan to-day received word from Consul Edwards, saying that Edwards was satisfied Bauch had been removed to Chihuahua.

hwa, has been instructed to see that Bauch is protected. There has been a report current that Bauch was a witness of the altercation which Benton had with Villa, and for that reason was spirited away. State Department officials thus far have not learned that

Another American Missing.
El Paso, Texas, February 22.—Another American citizen has been arrested in Mexico, and it is believed here

that he has been executed. He is Harry Compton, of Oakland, Cal.

United States consular representatives have been searching for him both in Juarez and Chihuahua, where he is supposed to have been imprisoned, but they have not been able to find any

trace of him, either in the jails or quarters. The Constitutionalist leaders in both places deny having any knowledge of the whereabouts of the man or of his fate.

A message to the El Paso Morning Times from W. E. Perry, of Guadalupe

City, Cal., asked the paper for information of the missing man. It stated that a letter had been received from Harry Compton, dated at Chihuahua, applying to them for assistance.

In the letter Compton said that he was a prisoner in Chihuahua Jail, and that he was to be removed to Juarez

On February 15, which also was the date set for his execution. The letter did not state on what charges he had been arrested.

Scott Asked to Assist.

General Hugh L. Scott has also received a request from the citizens of Garden City asking him to assist in locating Compton, because of his

General Scott's message said that direct application had been made to President Wilson to have the Constitutionallists give up information regarding the missing man.

Early this morning Consul Edwards was instructed by Secretary of State Bryan to locate Compton, if possible, and to report on his alleged arrest and execution.

Similar instructions were telegraphed to Consul Marion Letcher, at Chihuahua.

Reports were forwarded to the State Department before noon by both consuls to-day saying that they had been unsuccessful in the search.

In spite of the statement in Compton's letter that he was under arrest